

Be Strong in The Lord
Put on the Whole Armor of God
Part 2



RIGHTEOUSNESS

OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)



**As you begin each new day,
here's a FANTASTIC PROMISE from the Lord
that you should know**

"...whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be
safe."
Proverbs 29:25b KJB

Even if you find yourself in the BIGGEST
TROUBLE or TEMPTATION of your life, God says
that you shall be SAFE if you simply

TRUST HIM!

And as we have learned, God NEVER lies! He says
ONLY TRUTH! Has God personally promised
YOU something as you READ your King James Bi-
ble every day? Well, whatever God has promised
you there in His written Word, you can COUNT ON
IT, He'll DO IT for you!

What God PROMISES, HE DOES!

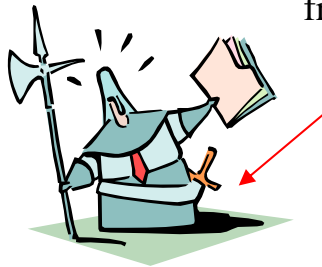
All His promises are YES in Jesus! God says so!

"For all the promises of God in him (in Jesus
Christ) *are* yea (yes), and in him Amen, unto the
glory of God;"
2Corinthians 1:20 KJB

When we KNOW this TRUTH about God, we can
BE STRONG in THE LORD and in THE POWER

OF HIS MIGHT no matter WHAT troubles we might be in! (And whether we are 10 years old or 110 years old, we ALL have troubles!)

Those 2 PROMISES or TRUTHS from God are part of the THOUSANDS of promises & truths from God that make up the



BELT OF TRUTH
that God wants us to wrap around our minds & souls every day! Here is what God says we are to do:

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,”
Ephesians 6:14a KJB

Get last week’s lesson to learn more about this BELT OF TRUTH! It is part of the special SPIRITUAL ARMOR that God wants ALL His children to put on each day to be able to STAND STRONG in times of troubles & temptations! We learned that GOD’S TRUTH found in our King James Bible, is the piece of armor that holds everything else together - including us so we don’t have to



when troubles & temptations come our way! God’s TRUTHS tells us all about God - that He is ALL WISE, ALL POWERFUL, FAITHFUL, KIND, THAT HE NEVER LIES, THAT HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES, THAT WE CAN COUNT ON HIM ALWAYS, THAT HE ALWAYS TELLS US THE ONLY RIGHT & VERY BEST THING TO DO, THAT HE ALWAYS LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT MISTAKES WE’VE MADE! These & many MORE truths about God are what God wants us to FILL OUR MINDS

WITH! Knowing all these TRUTHS about God helps us to KNOW that when we OBEY WHAT HE SAYS, we are in the VERY SAFEST PLACE THAT WE CAN BE,

no matter

HOW SCARY

things may look to us at the time!



God's truth - His written Word - tells us that when we LOVE GOD, all things WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD in our lives! That is another TRUTH we need to WRAP OUR MINDS in every day - BEFORE we begin our day - to stay STRONG!

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called accruing to *his* purpose."

Romans 8:28 KJB

God's TRUTH is part of the ARMOR God gives us to PROTECT our thinking, our feelings, our actions when troubles & temptations come our way. God's TRUTH is JESUS CHRIST! John 14:6 KJB And God tells us to THINK & ACT LIKE JESUS. Then we'll be able to handle anything!

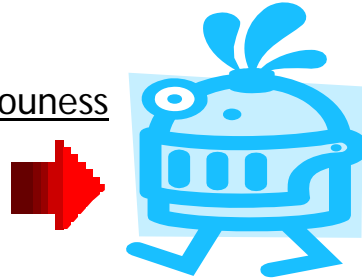
"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:"

Philippians 2:5 KJB

Now let's continue in Ephesians 6:10-18 to see more of this ARMOR that God gives us to help us RESIST temptations that want us to disobey God! And remember all the armor of God speaks of Jesus Christ! Here is the next piece of PROTECTION or ARMOR that God gives all His children.

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on

the breastplate of righteousness



What is a breastplate? Here is what the dictionary says: A breastplate is a piece of armor that covers the chest. It is a protective covering.

What is righteousness? It is being ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! It is being ABSOLUTELY PURE & PERFECT! It is being ABSOLUTELY HOLY! It is being PERFECTLY GOOD! Only God is all of those things.

“And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.”
Isaiah 6:3 KJB

“The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.”
Psalms 145:17 KJB

“...none is good, save one, *that is*, God.”
Luke 18:19c KJB

God is PERFECT, GOOD, RIGHT & HOLY!
HE IS RIGHTEOUS! Nothing with sin can be part of His family! Habakkuk 1:13 says this about God:

“*Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil,

and canst not look on iniquity:"

All those scriptures describe God! On the other hand, look how God describes ALL OF US in our human nature:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one:



There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Romans 3:10-12 KJB

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 KJB

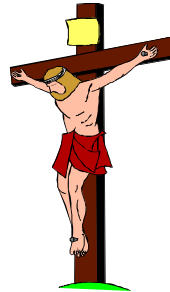
Boy oh boy! We sure are FAR from being like God in our human nature. In our human nature NONE OF US ARE PERFECT OR HOLY OR RIGHT OR GOOD! None of us, on our own, are RIGHTEOUS! We were born sinners & then we sin every day! And none of us could ever do anything to take away our sins & make ourselves PERFECT & HOLY & PURE & GOOD & RIGHTEOUS enough to become part of God's family! We are born UNgodly!

We sure DID have a problem! Notice, we said: DID have a problem! Why DON'T we have a problem now with becoming perfect & holy & righteous to God? Because God has now GIVEN us

the WAY to become RIGHT WITH GOD! He has given EVERYONE the WAY to become “godly”! He has given EVERYONE the WAY to receive a breastplate of righteousness for protection! What is that WAY? See if YOU can figure that out from these 4 scriptures:

“For when we were yet without strength (We had NO WAY to save ourselves from our sins or make ourselves acceptable to or right with God.) in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”

Romans 5:6 KJB



“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

John 14:6 KJB

“For as by one man’s disobedience (That’s Adam’s sin.) many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (That’s Jesus obeying His Father & going to the cross to pay for our sins.), many shall be made righteous.”

Romans 5:19 KJB

“For he hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

2Cor 5:21 KJB

Those are only 4 of the many, many TRUTHS from God’s Word that tell us that Jesus died for our sins so that we could be made RIGHT WITH GOD! Here is what happens the very INSTANT that we believe

in Jesus as our Savior! God forgives us COMPLETELY for our sins & gives us the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST! God makes us PERFECT & HOLY & RIGHT with Him forever!

This is a TRUTH that is very important for us to know. When we know this truth it PROTECTS US - like a BREASTPLATE - from ever worrying about where we will go when we die. We NEVER have to worry about that because God has made us FOREVER RIGHTEOUS - FOREVER ACCEPTED BY HIM - PERFECT FOR HEAVEN. And while we live on earth, we know that God will take care of us always! Knowing that truth also makes us BOLD & CONFIDENT, STRONG! It protects our thoughts about ourselves! Because if the GOD OF ALL THIS UNIVERSE ACCEPTS US, we sure don't have to worry if people accept us or not! Read Romans 8:31-39; Eph 1:3-14; Heb 13:5!

Also, we can be BOLD & STRONG because we KNOW that we can go to God in prayer ANY TIME at all to ask Him for help even if we make some HUGE MISTAKE! Read Ephesians 3:12!



If we are a believer we have God's righteousness - His breast plate of righteousness! And because God has given us this gift of righteousness, we should also LIVE in the RIGHT WAYS as Jesus tells us to each & every day! THAT will protect us too! Psalms 23:3; Eph 4:24-32; Col 1:9-14; Titus 2:11-12

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10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

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Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

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First Sunday of Every Month

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From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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